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SU warns students about non-recognized RSO

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The National Society of Leadership and Success, nationally known as Sigma Alpha Pi, sent an email to about 2,000 Salisbury University students last week inviting them to

join the honor society for a membership fee of \$85.

Sigma Alpha Pi does not have an officially recognized chapter at SU. Despite trying to set up a branch this year, the possibility of the group's invitations being a scam has not been ruled out.

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Student stands up for first Amendment rights



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"On September 12, 2012 at approximately 2030 hours, I received a phone call from an RA, who advised me that building wide meetings had taken effect detailing the new campaign dry policies," restricting students freedom to express their political beliefs on campus. Matthew Barton immediately sprung into action.

By "0930 hours" the next day, "I had already spoken to Matt Nemphos of Andy Harris' office about the issue," Barton said.

Shortly thereafter, he contacted a Student Rights Organization at the fire.org, WBOC television who immediately wanted to interview him, and he even sent an email to the editors at The Flyer.

Reading Barton's account of these events reads much like a mission report, using military time and im-

mense detail.

A former member of the United States Marine Corps, Barton is both fiercely patriotic and politically active. Although he may vehemently disagree with your political beliefs, he would never allow for the suppression of your right to express them. Realizing the blatant infringement on our constitutional rights, Barton immediately raised the banner and prepared to take on the entire school.

Fortunately, or perhaps unfortunately for any rabble-rousers, there was no issue.

"At approximately 1515 hours I met with Dave Gutowski, the Director of Housing and Residence Life in Chesapeake Hall," Barton said. "Mr. Gutowski advised me that this was not a policy of Residence Life and he would look into the matter further. I left his office after a five minute meeting."

After this meeting, Barton proceeded to speak with either a RA or a RD from every building on cam-

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SU Professor shares his lifelong passion for the Bay

BY MOLLY FELDMAN
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Crabs and fish; that is what Salisbury University environmental studies Professor Tom Horton cooked for his students on the first day of his Topics of the Chesapeake Bay class.

With a deep passion for the Bay, Horton looks to instill that same feeling in his students.

Horton has been a prominent name on the Eastern Shore when it comes to the Chesapeake Bay and the environment. An award winning author and journalist, Horton has shown his passion for the natural world in the Baltimore Sun, National Geographic and Rolling Stone.

Horton covered the environment for the Baltimore Sun for 35 years and was one of the very first environmental beat writers in the country. Winner of the John Burroughs Award for the Best Book of Nature in 1988, Horton has gone on to win many other awards for his environmental writing.

As a freelance environmental writer, Horton always has new

projects. Currently, Horton and local photographer and friend Dave Harp are in the process of raising money for a book on the Choptank River.

Horton is passing his passion on to his SU students. With a recently signed five year teaching contract at Salisbury, Horton said he looks forward to continuing to share his love for the Chesapeake.

"You have to keep those connections alive," Horton said. "You've got to get people outdoors."

Horton's passion for the environment was not always about saving it. A Salisbury native, Horton grew up hunting and fishing.

"I would come home and pick up my shotgun and go across the pond," Horton said.

It wasn't until the first Earth Day in 1970 that Horton came home with a different viewpoint about the Bay.

"It's home," Horton said. "It's where I grew up. I feel some obligation to protect it."

Originally offered a job at University of Maryland Baltimore County, Horton came to teach at SU because the school had some-

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Salisbury University Photo

SU professor and award winning journalist Tom Horton explores the waters of the Chesapeake Bay region in a kayak.

SU freshmen follow national trends for major choices

BY VICTORIA JONES
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Freshmen often come to college undecided in their choice of major, but many Salisbury University students will choose the same majors that the upper classmen have chosen in the past, and consequently this year's most chosen major is biology, with an additional of 594 new students.

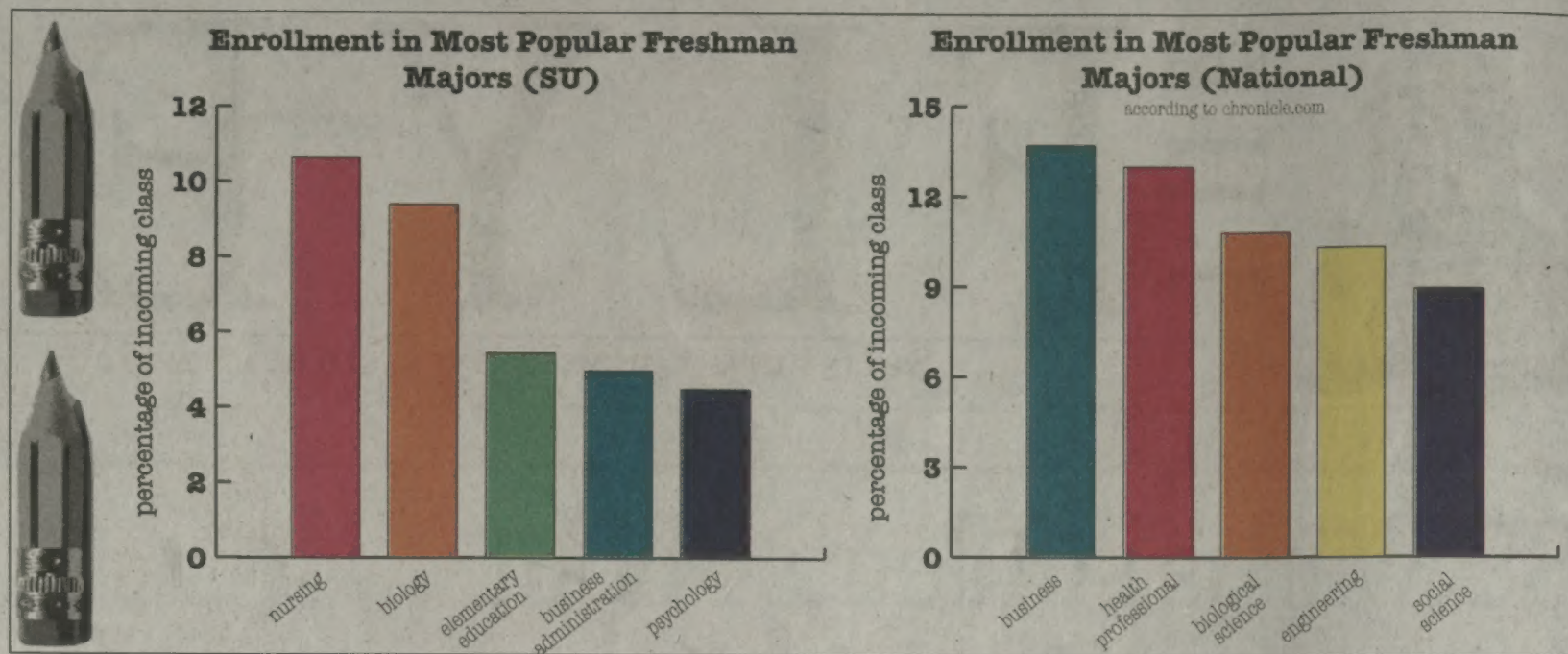
SU students tend to choose the same top five majors including nursing, biology, education, business administration and psychology, and have for past three years, with exception of communication arts fading in and out of the top five, and psychology taking its place just last year.

SU's Assessment Research Analyst Courtney Sanders said that the most commonly chosen major for freshman last year was nursing, with 10.65 percent of the 2011 freshman class choosing the major.

A potential reason as to why biology is gaining more students is SU's growing nursing program, which is well-known, but extremely competitive.

Freshman Shannon Walsh said she thinks that the nursing program's competitiveness is unique to the university, and that the constant challenge is what propels the students into success within the program; however it also may be what scares them away. There are over 100 students competing for 60 spots, she said, she is far from worried about job placement in the future. "Hospitals will always need nurses, so there will always be job opportunities as long as people are living," said Walsh.

While biology has been in the top three most chosen majors



at Salisbury University for the past three years, it has taken the number one spot in 2010 and this year as well, Sanders said. Nationally, biology ranks third in the country, according to the Chronicle for Higher Education. This is most likely due to the wide variety of career options tied to the major of biology.

This generation has seemingly become more concerned with the field of biology for two reasons, environmental issues and the growing demands for the health profession. The term global warming has become a subject of interest to many.

"Global warming and environmental issues have increased interest in the biological field," said sophomore Courtney Kirk. The Salisbury biology department is also a renowned part of the university.

"Our degree programs provide students with knowledge and abilities to apply the scientific process and to think critically about contemporary issues in the biological sciences," according to SU's website.

Biology is likely to be in the top three majors for next

year as well, as the department prides itself on engaging with the students, providing first-hand experience and doing research as well as teaching, said biology advisor and Professor Judith Stribling.

The business major takes the number one spot for most chosen major among students across the country. Business is another major that can apply to many different fields, anyone can have their own business if they choose. This explains why the business major is prominent department in SU.

"A business major is very versatile. You could open your own business or work your way up in a large corporation or run someone else's local business," freshman Emily Bagir said. "There are always going to be companies that need management."

Whatever major a student chooses, SU is sure to have a department for all.

HONORS SOCIETY



Photo courtesy of www.societyleadership.org

Not long after the email was sent to students, Dean of Students Edwin Cowell sent an email to the campus community warning them about the society, questioning its legitimacy and informing students that it is not a Registered Student Organization.

"The required fee is in direct violation of SGA constitutional guidelines for becoming a RSO," Cowell said. "Thus, Salisbury University is currently reviewing the status of this organization and suggests that you not send money to this organization until further notice."

Cowell said a group of interested students previously sent in paperwork to become an RSO, seeking to establish a chapter of Sigma Alpha Pi at SU. If they do become a RSO, they will not be allowed to charge membership fees.

It was later determined that the Student Government Association had in fact accepted the group's application and authorized it to become an RSO, apparently as an oversight. However, it is not an RSO yet because SGA was not aware that Sigma Alpha Pi charges people to join. Before becoming an RSO, there are issues that the group needs to work out with SGA and the Dean of Students.

A few political science majors who received the email confused Sigma Alpha Pi with Pi Sigma Alpha, the official national honor society in political science recognized on campus.

"I was excited about the invitation and almost sent in the money and everything, until I looked on the SU website and saw that the political science honor society was slightly different Greek lettering and didn't let it freshmen or sophomores," said a sophomore politi-

cal science major, who wanted to remain anonymous.

According to its website, Sigma Alpha Pi is a for-profit entity whose mission is to "help people discover and achieve their goals."

The society appears to exist primarily to make money while delivering benefits to its members. Most of the benefits listed on its website have to do with social events and networking. One of the "benefits to being in the society" that it lists on its website is "receive a monthly electronic newsletter with leadership and success content."

Members of the Sigma Alpha Pi chapter at Kent State University in Ohio describe the organization as "primarily a motivation club."

Despite not being officially recognized as a RSO, the group's website does list SU as a location of one of its chapters. It says that the SU branch was founded in 2012. The other Maryland institutions where the website claims to have chapters are University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Stevenson University, Bowie State University, the College of Southern Maryland and Prince George's Community College.

Communications Professor Darrell Newton said the faculty member who was designated to be the group's advisor was a female adjunct professor of the communications department. He did not give the name of that professor. Newton stressed that the organization has nothing to do with the communications department.

To find out more about the society, visit the website at www.societyleadership.org/about. Also, any student can find out what honor societies are officially recognized on campus at the SU website.

Free Speech

pus. Barton discovered that Gutowski was not lying. Far from a campus-wide and university sanctioned policy, this "campaign dry" policy was proposed and enforced by only three resident directors, who wanted to make their job easier.

Barton shared his conversations with the RD who headed this push for a "campaign dry" campus. In defense of their actions the RD stated, "it makes my job easier...so I'm all for it."

This sentiment is not held by the university's administration. The RD stated that this was a personal decision. However, the university does ban students and staff from displaying campaign signs in their windows and doors.

"As for putting a campaign sign in a dormitory window, according to the Housing policy that students agree to when they sign a rental agreement, there is an express section on page 14 that specifically discusses how the University, being a State institution, reserves the right to control the outward appearance

of the building," said Robert Sheehan, SU's Director of Government Relations.

As a state institution, SU cannot legally influence anyone's political views. So, displaying a political sign on university property may influence someone politically and would, technically speaking, be illegal.

However, this policy does tread a very thin line when it comes to restricting students' rights.

There is a precise legal precedent that has made SU anxious over this issue. The Supreme Court of the United States itself has vigorously condemned limitations on political speech in public schools.

As speech is a civil liberty, it must be classified as such. This is not to say that speech is not limited - the time, place and manner of speech may be regulated - but not the content itself. A ban on students engaging in political debates is not only highly illegal, but severely unconstitutional. We must all remember that students and faculty alike are "persons under the constitution, possessing fundamental rights

which the state must protect," as stated in Tinker vs. Des Moines.

As the RD previously stated, the ban on student discussion of the election would simplify a RD's job. This however, is exactly what the Supreme Court banned in Tinker vs. Des Moines.

"Speech at times may be unpopular, or uncomfortable, but expression is part of our history and the structure this country was founded upon...In order to justify prohibition of this particular expression, school officials must be able to show that its action was caused by something more than a mere desire to avoid the discomfort and unpleasantness that always accompany an unpopular viewpoint," according to the Court.

Although in the end this policy ended up being enforced by only a select few RDs, it raises questions about student's rights. No matter what the answers to those questions are, we wouldn't be asking those questions if it weren't for passionately patriotic men like Barton.

Professor

thing to offer that no other schools did: The Chesapeake Bay. The ability to show his students, instead of tell, about the beauty of the Bay, was essential to Horton, he said.

"We are so disconnected in our daily lives with the environment," Horton said. "We are a part of nature. It's our life support."

Though Horton did not attend college for education, teaching was in his blood. Many members of his family had been educators.

"I always was by nature an educator," Horton said.

Horton is in his fourth year teaching at SU and Topics of the Chesapeake Bay class is a favorite among environmental students. The class is very hands-on, and many class days are spent on field trips to islands in the Bay area. That is what is important to Horton.

"I can't tell you enough in a book, but I can peak your interest," Horton said.

When it comes to saving the environment, it is just not as simple as educating the public.

"You don't always see the results of your teachings right away on the next test," Horton said. "No matter what your cause is, they are big things that require change. It might not happen on your watch."

SU has a great advantage over other schools with its proximity to the Chesapeake Bay and all its beautiful wetlands and water views. And with someone like Horton who has such a passion for the Bay, SU could take charge and make a difference in the Bay's rehabilitation. Instilling Horton's passion for the Bay in his students will help further the efforts to save the Bay.



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EDITORIAL

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Overheard: What is your favorite off-campus restaurant and why?

Photos by Steven Cennane



"Olive Garden because of the unlimited breadsticks and salad."
-Maria Nowack, Sophomore



"Chipotle because it's not like fast food."
-Romeo Clark, Sophomore



"I just moved here so I don't have one yet."
-Teri Keller, Freshman



"Mediterranean Grille because it is cheap and delicious."
-Jacob Liechty, Senior



"Chipotle because the burritos are huge and it fills me up."
-Rachel Gray, Sophomore



BY ABIGAIL COLBY
Party Girl Problems Columnist

An unfortunate result of our generation's mutual love of electronics and partying seems to be one dreaded form of contact: the drunk dial. And while many a crying drunk girl and blackout bro wake up to some regrettable messages the morning after drinking, one has to ask what drives people to consistently engage in conversation week-end after week-end knowing their actions will more than likely end with a big "I said WHAT?" the next morning.

Why are college students so willing to turn their iPhones into confessional after knocking back a few, and how are we taking drunk communication to the next level?

Drunk dialing is nothing new to the world of college life and multiple forms of intoxicated communication have emerged over the years, one seeming to be more embarrassing than the next. A breakdown of each type of hammered communication and their respective implications is helpful:

The drunk text: "I've been in luv with you for five yearszszs" As eloquent as we may feel when we're drunk and speaking to people, apparently this feeling increases about tenfold when it comes to written or typed forms of communication. While texting does prove to be a more nonchalant form of communication if you happen to be in a crowded bar or party, it also provides you with double the chances of sounding like an idiot. It's time to face facts; if your former significant other doesn't want to get back together sober, the chances of convincing him or her through poetic drunken text messages are slim to none. If it's a reoccurring problem with a specific contact, try changing their name in your phone to something to the tune of "DON'T DO IT" or "YOU'LL REGRET THIS." That should do the trick.

The drunk phone call: "You'll never find anyone better than me Carey!! Your name is Carey right?" Notorious for a reason, nothing beats a conversation with someone who is barely coherent and on a mission to tell you how they feel. However, if you're typically the initiator of the drunken banter, and if it's making you progressively more concerned, try putting your phone in a friend's purse or setting it to silent so you'll (theoretically) forget it even exists. Nights out are to be enjoyed, not spent on the phone with someone who more than likely has nothing new to say.

The Facebook Post: "THIS BAR IS STUFFID I HATE EVERYONE!" The latest and greatest way to embarrass yourself without remembering it in the morning: using your social networking site as a drunken soundboard for all friends and followers to hear. Considering that in this day and age many college students are Facebook friends with their grandmothers, co-workers, and former teachers, it may be best to keep the intoxicated posting to a minimum for everyone's sake, as it tends to be the most damaging form of communication.

The inebriated tweet: "@insert username of person that turned you down last weekend! Just saw you leave the bar I'm at and I'm ECSTATIC #event #bye #hateyou #youredumb #youlookstupid #ontothetextone?" Does this one even need an explanation? This is the one time drunken texting may be your best friend, as the only thing worse than looking like an idiot to one of your followers is looking like an idiot to 200 of your followers.

While it's clear that drunk dialing has become a significant issue, the question still remains as to why we feel the need to drunk text/call/post/converse.

Kelly Thurston, a senior social work major, gave her input on the issue, saying "When you're drunk, your inhibitions are lowered or even non-existent. Obviously you're much more likely to say what you feel instead of monitoring yourself."

Whether you think drunk texting is a fun way to be frank or every hungover student's worst nightmare, there's no doubt that drunk texts, callers, tweeters and posters have no intention of stopping anytime soon.

Our View

SU should cancel classes on Election Day

Last year, the Princeton Review ranked Salisbury University number three on the "Election, what election?" list, meaning that we are the school third from the bottom in the area of political activeness of the student body.

This abysmal ranking needs to be improved, and one way to do it would be to give students the day off from classes on Election Day to encourage them to get out and vote because voting is the most basic form of political activity.

Tuesdays are very busy days for many SU students; for some even the busiest day of the week. Some students' Tuesday schedules may simply not give them enough time to vote before the polls close at 8 p.m.

Since the only holiday during the regular school year that we get off classes for is Labor Day, getting off for Election Day should not seriously hamper any class schedules. We have classes on other holidays like President's Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day, and other than to honor those holidays there is really no reason not to have classes on those days.

Since we do not attend school for as many hours as the public school system requires of its students, having time off for most holidays during the school year is not as necessary or even as appreciated as it is in high school, but then again high school students are not old enough to vote.

No classes on Election Day would be appreciated because it is more than just time off from classes. It is a day when we get our say and where our voices are heard. It is the only day where we get to decide what direction we want this country to go in.

On Election Day our country celebrates the most fundamental right of a democracy: SU's administration should honor that and do whatever it can to encourage all students to practice that right.

Now it is obvious that not all SU students would take advantage of the time off on Election Day to vote, but some will. If having time off from classes on Election Day allows or encourages just one more student to vote, it is worth it. Nobody should be prevented from voting because of a busy schedule.

Since Election Day is only once every two years for the presidential and midterm elections, it would only result in a day off the fall semester in even-numbered years.

It's our country too, and we need to do whatever we can to make sure as many Sea Gulls as possible get out and vote.

Correction:

In the Sept. 18, 2012 edition of The Flyer, the article "Tax zapping businesses steal consumer dollars" by Ajia Allen had the text from a previous article. This is the correct text to her article.

Tax zapping businesses steal consumer dollars



BY AJIA ALLEN
Staff Writer

Mary-land law-makers continue to stall ending the

use of tax zappers, which are machines that essentially cause taxes to be zapped into thin air.

Since taxes are a pain for consumers, zapped taxes may sound appealing. However the use of the new tax evading technology does not help consumers at all. Tax zappers are additional headaches to consumers and government officials.

Hard-earned consumer income is being stolen to help small business owners throughout the country become increasingly add illegally wealthy. Zapper software

is installed in USB drives, easily removable from any register in order to skim end-of-the-day business profits.

Zappers may skim the tax of every third transaction kept in the business's daily records. Removed taxes automatically transfer to another set of books for the benefit of the owners.

Hundreds of bamboozled customers paying for products and services per day are making business owners very affluent. Likewise, angry government officials wonder where all the state's revenue has gone.

Thirty percent of U.S. small businesses have been reported using zapper software and billions of dollars have been skimmed from state income taxes.

Restaurants, gas stations and local convenience stores are notorious for using the software. Small businesses are able to avoid detection because training necessary for tax zapping audits is relatively nonexistent.

Tax zapping businesses typically make tons of cash in transactions and normally

pay employees under the table. Odds are those businesses are taking earned money and placing it in their own bank accounts.

Maryland legislators are of the last to address the zapper issue. Multiple other states have made it their business to create legislation that has the power to restrict or end zapper usage. Proper legislation can also require the necessary zapper detection training for auditors.

More importantly is consumer awareness. Tax zapping is not mythical and should not be taken lightly. Zapper usage directly affects the economy and the consumers and producers within it.

The best advice for the consumer base would be to use as much discretion as possible when deciding whom earned money will be given away to. Maryland's government is responsible for monitoring the rest of the issue.

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Divorce in modern society



BY CHRISTINE KANARAS
Staff Writer

Marriage and the American family have changed greatly throughout the years. Today, divorce is more acceptable and considered the correct choice for dysfunctional families. It would be nice to say that divorce is uncommon, but the fact of the matter is that divorce is becoming more widespread throughout the country. In America, it is estimated that about 50 percent of marriages end in divorce, according to www.divorcestatistics.info.

More and more people are getting divorces for various issues such as abusive spouses, cheating or simply because the couple is just annoyed or bored with one another.

Thomas Zimmer, a legal expert, says that the most common reason for divorce is lack of communication.

In many marriages there is a barrier that builds over time in which the two people have a difficult time communicating with one another. Marriage used to be taken more seriously and was considered an unbreakable commitment. The fact that divorce is acceptable now makes it easy for people to choose that option when times get hard.

After a tough marriage people tend to be happier. I have two friends whose parents got divorced in the past five years. Both of my friends' mothers are enjoying the single life and have been on several dates and go out with their friends more often. One of my friends' fathers is now happily remarried.

Many divorced couples find new spouses that they think will make them happier. As sad as divorce can be for the family, it usually benefits the family in the long run. Living in an unstable household is not good for children and it would be better for the parents to be separated. It is possible that a child may feel guilty or hold a grudge against one or both parents after divorce. The children may find divorce to be difficult to adjust to because they cannot be with both parents.

Not only has divorce become very common, but it is now just as common to not get married at all. In the 1960's about 72 percent of adults were married, according to The Atlantic Wire. By 2000, only 57 percent of adults were married. Currently, only 51 percent of adults are married. These statistics clearly show the steady decline in marriages.

The decline of marriages increases single-parent families and that can really be bad for the children. Sometimes, children get neglected when they only have one parent to raise them because that parent cannot always be around for their child due to other obligations such as work. This creates other social problems in society. Children who are neglected might go off and commit crimes as a way to let out their anger about the neglect. It is difficult for a single parent to raise a child and have a decent income to provide properly for that child.

All in all, the more socially acceptable divorce is, the more likely it is that people will get divorces. Also, the more socially acceptable it is to have children out of wedlock, the more common it becomes.

SU takes on the Insanity workout program in Maggs



BY MAKAYLA-COURTNEY MCGEENEY
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Over 100 Salisbury University students flooded the floor of Maggs Gym to get their butts kicked by a demanding, shirtless man viewed through a projector.

These active students and staff members gathered to suffer together through squats, lunges, push-ups, burpees and any other painful exercise routine that was ever thought of. This isn't quite like the P90X, it just might be better.

Arthur Lembo, a geography professor, took on the challenge of the Insanity workout program this past summer and loved it so much that he decided to introduce it to a group of students. With other opinions and more talk about broadcasting the program, he decided to open it up to the entire campus.

The Insanity workout program is a 60-day battle that requires nothing but your own body. The exercises are based on body weight movements that ultimately tone and shed body fat.

"The first three days is when everything was sore, but then you get used to it," Lembo said.

This platform is a wonderful opportunity for anyone to feel their muscles scream. Monday

through Friday everyone is welcome to put forth all of their energy to get in shape at Maggs with Lembo, close friends, and Insanity instructor Shaun T.

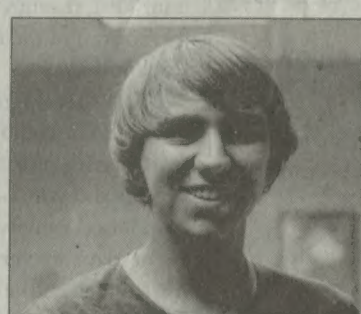
On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Insanity starts at noon, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays it begins at 11:15. This gives people who are interested in going the chance to pick between two different times. Around 80 students and staff members come to the program on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays while around 40 come on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Despite the incredible turnout that Insanity has been receiving, some people just simply feel like the workout is not for them so they instantly give up.

When choosing to exercise with a DVD mentor, an aerobics class at a gym or even a spin class, a participant should fight the urge to give up because the end results and satisfaction should be motivation enough. At the same time, it is best to go at your own pace and do what you can to feel satisfied at your own level.

The Insanity workout is a great way to get away from a lazy and boring lifestyle. It encourages students and staff members to recognize strengths and weaknesses they may have not even realized were there to begin with. Of course there are plenty of other workout programs that include an extremely strict and expensive set of DVDs and a possible meal plan, but this particular Insanity program is located on campus and is entirely free for everyone at SU.

Political Celebs: The Mixing of Hollywood and Washington



BY STEVEN CENNANE
Editorial Editor

Clint Eastwood and his "Invisible Obama" empty chair were the most talked about speakers at the 2012 Republican National Convention.

Fox News criticized President Obama for scheduling a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu after a campaign fundraiser hosted by Beyoncé and Jay-Z. Comedian Roseanne Barr came in second for the Green Party's nomination for president.

This is just a recent string of celebrities being actively involved in politics. The role of celebrities in elections is crucial because they can use their fame, influence, name recognition and (most importantly) money to help out their favorite candidates. In fact, Hollywood money is one of the main reasons why President Obama is staying competitive in the spending battle against Republican Super PACs.

Celebrities were very visible at both major parties' conventions this year. Kid Rock and Trace Adkins performed at the RNC. Scarlett Johansson gave a speech at the Democratic National Convention encouraging everyone to get out and vote. Actress Eva Longoria, an advisor to the Obama campaign, also gave a speech at the DNC.

And of course, Clint Eastwood and his chair stole the show at the RNC. Eastwood asking questions to an invisible Obama amplified his senile grandfather persona. Despite what many have said, I liked the speech in a comic relief sort of way. He criticized Obama for failing to close Guantanamo and not being successful in ending Afghanistan, two things Republicans started and are happy that he did not succeed in ending.

Due to the negative reception to Eastwood's speech, there have been many theories that he "sabotaged" the convention and is secretly supporting Obama. That may sound crazy, but there is a basis for that theory due to his Obama Super Bowl ad.

Eastwood starred in what was one of the most famous Super Bowl XLVI ads. The "Halftime in America" ad was interpreted as praise for the president and the auto bailouts. Many conservatives felt betrayed by Eastwood's obvious support of the president's leadership during the economic crisis and saving jobs for millions of Americans.

Over the years, Hollywood has had a liberal reputation due to its social activism in many areas like civil rights, gay rights, campaigns to end world hunger, animal rights, etc., all associated with the American left. George Clooney, who hosted a fundraiser at his house for Obama earlier

this year, is just one of the many celebrities who participate in human rights initiatives worldwide.

Despite Hollywood's liberal reputation, most celebrities-turned-politicians have been Republicans. Ronald Reagan, the God of the Republican Party, acted in movies with chimpanzees before he became president. Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger turned from the Terminator to the Governor. Singer Sonny Bono, from Sonny and Cher, was elected to the House of Representatives as a Republican in 1994.

The first celebrity to run successfully for political office was actor George Murphy when he was elected as a Republican from California to the United States Senate in 1964. Reagan was elected governor of the state two years later.

The Democratic celebrity, as well as the most recent celebrity, who successfully ran for office is former Saturday Night Live cast member Al Franken who won with a very narrow victory in the 2008 Minnesota Senate Race.

Although no celebrities, other than the Governor and Al Franken, have been elected to office in recent years many have weighed running for office. Radio personality Howard Stern, now a judge on America's Got Talent, won the Libertarian Party's nomination for Governor of New York in 1994 only to withdraw before the election.

Democrats in Texas, almost always underdogs in that state, tried to get actor Tommy Lee Jones to run for the open senate seat, fearing they had no other possible candidate with enough name recognition to beat a Republican. Two years ago, after Indiana Senator Evan Bayh announced the day before the Democratic Primary he would not run for re-election, many Democrats in Indiana unsuccessfully tried to convince singer John Mellencamp to run.

Celebrities' political views can also affect their sales, careers or reputations for better or for worse.

For example, the week after Kelly Clarkson tweeted her support for Ron Paul for President, her record sales skyrocketed. Another example is the massive drop in sales that country singer Hank Williams Jr. experienced the week after he called Obama a "Nazi" and a "Socialist." Williams was also fired from Monday Night Football after his remarks.

Celebrity supporters are often sought after by campaigns because of the possibility of getting large donations and winning support from the particular celebrity's fans. Also, celebrities have the ability to convince politically apathetic fans of theirs to get out and vote for the candidate they support. So, do not expect to ever see the day where celebrities stay out of politics, because their support is seen as one of the greatest assets a campaign can get.

Counterterrorism strikes back



BY TYLER GRAY
Staff Writer

Do you feel safe in your own home? Because of 9/11, the rise of tyrannical military leaders in the Far East and

rumors of terrorist threats on our own doorstep, many people are feeling threatened.

People like Naval Commander Youssef Aboul-Enein are working to stop that. Aboul-Enein is a Senior Counterterrorism Advisor and Subject Matter Expert on Militant Islamist Ideology at the Joint Intelligence Task Force for Combating Terrorism with the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Aboul-Enein spoke at Salisbury University about the difference between violent and peaceful practices inside of Islam itself. According to recent surveys, there is a large divide in popular belief of what Islam stands for. On one side of the argument are one and a half billion people that believe that Islam is pure evil. On the other side is another group of people that believe that it is purely good. The truth is that Islam, like any other religion, has its positives and negatives.

This does not mean that every Muslim is going to bomb your local bank. In fact, the majority of Mus-

lims don't even wish to get involved in politics or get revenge on the "infidels." Most of them just want to be left alone from outside influence for fear of being tainted or corrupted. These practicing Muslims actually make up the majority of Islamic followers.

The second groups of Muslims are called the "Political Activists." As defined by Aboul-Enein, what these Muslims do is peacefully protest outside of embassies and political offices. They want their voices to be heard, but they do not try to achieve this by hurting people or blowing up buildings.

When Muslims start to resort to violence, they become Militant Islamists. This group makes up the smallest percentage of those who practice Islam, but it's the group we hear about the most. These are the members of Al-Qaeda, the Taliban and other groups who are formed solely to instill terror into the hearts of so-called infidels.

When Aboul-Enein came to speak, before he could even address the concept of counterterrorism, he wanted us to understand what a terrorist was. He identified the terrorist groups as being the Militant Islamists, and expressed that he didn't want us to become part of the "Islamophobia" that is overtaking our nation.

Once we understood that, he expanded on his theory of deconstructing al-Qaeda and other terrorist group's ideologies by discerning different Islamic

beliefs and customs. Once you understand why these people are fighting, we can start to counter their attacks and hopefully work on stopping them altogether.

These groups try to quote the Quran and twist its words to suit each organization's individual need. They blind their followers, convincing them that sacrificing yourself in a suicide bombing on innocent people is being faithful and doing what God wants. Our government is working with Middle Eastern governments to prevent this misuse of religious text and stop the overall growth of terrorist cells coming from these countries.

People like Aboul-Enein work tirelessly to separate the faith from the logic, and create methods and plans to not only counter these attacks and prevent them, but to convince these people that violence is not the answer. For those of whom we can't persuade, the United States government will do its best to ensure every humans' right to life, and will do what is necessary to keep that right secure.

In the battle for humanity, there are multitudes of soldiers fighting and dying for our right to live. And these people will continue to risk their lives to protect others. The key idea you should take from this is that the violent terrorists do find their origins in Islam, but stereotyping all Muslims and treating them poorly just because of their religion is just as harmful as the Militant Islamists.

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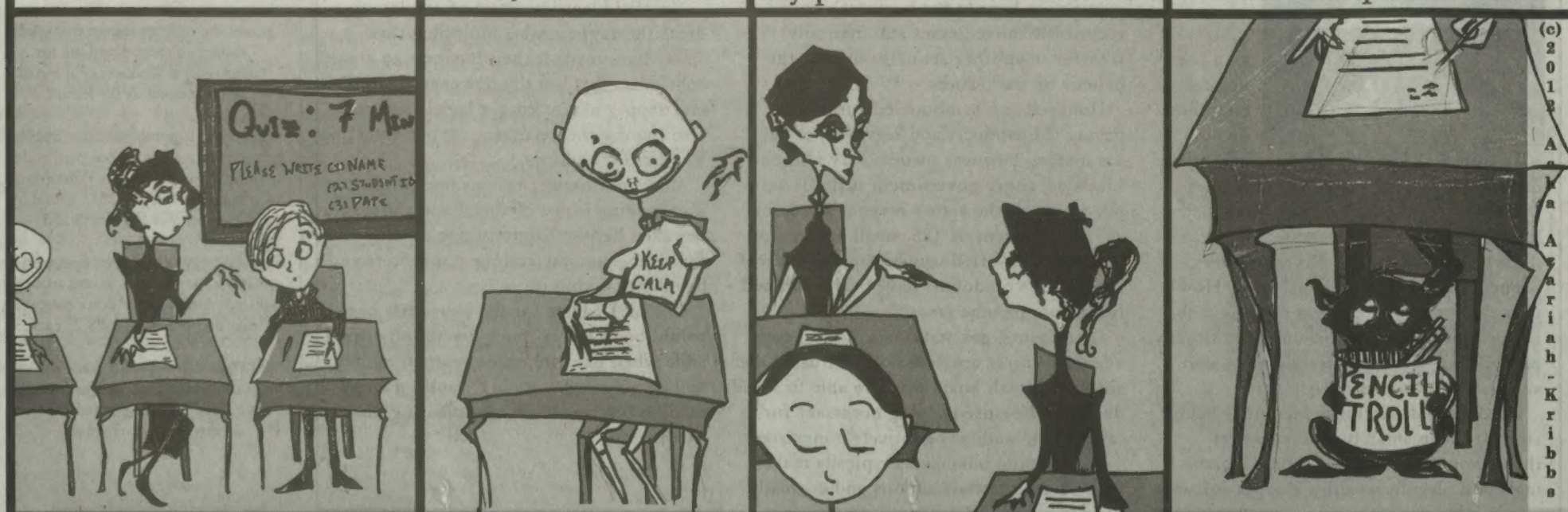
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Iceland: A Taste of Middle Earth



Submitted photo
Professor T. Ross Leasure and students peek from behind a stone wall, as the backdrop of the great Snaefellnes Glacier pierces the sky.

BY ASHA AZARIAH-KRIBBS
Staff Writer

From every point the eye can see spans a rolling field, muted yellows hedged between craggy towers of rock. A "turf house" is barely visible, its roof a mass of tufting weed, snug in the hollows of a rolling hill.

Is this Hobbiton, discovered? Perhaps.

This coming spring semester, English Professor T. Ross Leasure is offering a week-long study abroad program in Iceland as an add-on to his course, "Old Norse Literature in Translation."

Iceland may not seem the ideal vacation setting, especially for a chilly spring break, but there is no better offering for a fan of Norse mythology and the works inspired by it, including J. R. R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" and the Marvel comic "Thor." The aim of this venture is to visit sites familiar

to the Norse sagas.

Among the geological wonders and historical landmarks to be explored, a particular site lends credence to "Egil's Saga," a text explored in Leasure's class. An archaeological expedition near Mosfell Farm discovered the ruins of a chapel where the presumed bones of Egil were found. These bones exhibit physical attributes described in the Saga that could only have belonged to Egil.

Another location of interest that will appeal in particular to a romantic mind is Helgafell, "the holy mountain," which features in several Icelandic sagas. There was once a monastery at its foot and according to legend, if a person walks from Helgafell's base to its peak and remains as steadfastly silent as the monks of old, he or she may make three wishes at the mountain's summit, and they will be granted.

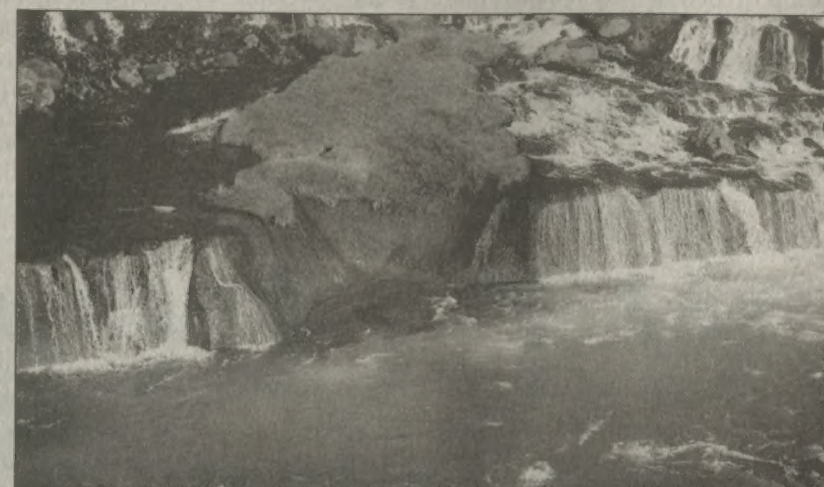
For those curious about the culinary side of the ven-

ture, both timid eaters and the critical connoisseur may be in for a bit of a surprise.

Leasure said he and the students who occasionally accompany him on his trips to Iceland can uniformly recommend "skyr," Icelandic yogurt, and "smjör," Icelandic butter. Iceland's free-range cows produce a rich milk not available in the United States. And of course, shark and whale meat is a must for the adventurous soul.

Leasure encourages students to enroll both in the course and the study abroad. Discounts on accommodation and airfare are an immediate bonus of high enrollment. Cost aside, who wouldn't want a glimpse of a troll or two?

To this day, Icelanders will swear to the existence of "hidden people" or elves. Without any guarantees, it seems a bit rash to doubt their expertise.



Submitted photo
The sun hits the rushing water of the Hraunfoss, which means "Lava Falls."



Submitted photo
A tiny cottage in the town of Vik lies tucked away in a landscape that seems to parallel Tolkien's world.



Submitted photo
From left to right: Caitlyn Eskeland, Elora Amtower, Anne Cross, Professor Ross, Rocky (the group's tour guide), Yanina Maysonet, Victoria Patterson and Connor O'Brien.

Health Report

BY SARAH WOODS
Health Columnist

Some young adults entering the work force in 2016 may be in more danger of the Obamacare penalty tax than they originally thought.

About 2 percent of the population, or six million Americans, are estimated to be fined as a result of the Affordable Care Act, according to a new estimate from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

Those affected by the fine include Americans over the age of 26 who do not have a government-approved health insurance plan. Young adults make up nearly one-third of the total number of uninsured Americans, according to healthreform.gov.

Nearly half of the young Americans in the workforce are working one or more part-time jobs where their employers are not required to provide health coverage. Unemployed young adults are more likely to be uninsured than older adults, partially because fewer of them are

A closer look at the impact of Obamacare on young adults

married and therefore do not have access to a spouse's health care insurance. Additionally, 38 percent of young adults are considered low-income, making individual plans difficult to afford.

The Affordable Care Act attempts to tackle some of these barriers. The Act will create a health insurance exchange program so that young adults who are unable to buy insurance from their employers and are not covered under a spouse's plan should be able to buy a policy that fits their budget. Another provision in the Affordable Care Act will make student loans more accessible to help young adults offset the rising cost of education.

Despite these benefits, the Affordable Care Act may not live up to its high expectations. Premiums for individuals aged 25-29 will be increasing by 35 percent, according to research performed by the Oliver Wyman consulting firm. The penalty for one individual not enrolled in a government-approved health plan by 2016 is \$695.



Dining Review

“ ★ ★ ★ ★ ”

BY L.S.
Staff Writer

The locals' choice for slow-cooked barbecue pork, chicken and pit beef is surprisingly situated between a tanning salon and Pilates center on East College Avenue.

Taylor's Barbecue specializes in a variety of smoked meats and homemade sides that has won it the "Best BBQ on the Eastern Shore" title twelve times, but little do most Salisbury transplants know, it also houses a very capable bakery.

Taylor's has a huge assortment of pies, breads and made-from-scratch desserts that may be even more tempting than the barbecue itself. Everything in the restaurant is made fresh that day.

To imagine the mouth-watering walk through the College Avenue Shoppes, think of the heavy perfume of a carnivore's dream during Pork in the Park lingering in the air almost every day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Pork in the Park is year-

round at Taylor's Barbecue.)

Don't let the basic booths and fast-food-esque décor fool you; this place knows what makes repeat customers return for lunch and dinner every week. Their daily lunch and dinner specials mix a choice of meat with two sides, which you can substitute if you'd like, for \$5-8.

The dinner service is run by two young girls who know how to multi-task as they take, prepare and deliver orders. Fortunately, the food was well worth the wait.

An order of two barbecue chicken legs and thighs with steaming macaroni and cheese, seasoned collard greens and a dinner roll arrived promptly to the table. The plastic silverware and bottled soda didn't hamper the restaurant experience that was about to be amplified by the arrival of a freshly-baked piece of apple pie with whipped cream.

The chicken had a smoky taste that resonated from the skin to the bone. Although the chicken was

Taylor's does more than BBQ



L.S. photo
An order of two BBQ chicken legs and thighs with mac 'n cheese, seasoned greens and a roll with apple pie.

just a little dry, the homemade barbecue sauce on the side made it totally dunk-worthy.

The macaroni and cheese was satisfying enough to be its own meal; even Paula Deen wouldn't disagree. The collard greens balanced the meal enough to at least have a small source of nutritional value on the plate, even if they were saturated in sodium-rich juice and pieces of pork.

The real star of the show was the

sinful apple pie that sat in all its oozy, caramelized goodness next to the dinner plate. The crust was golden brown and flaky, the sauce tart and sweet and the apples perfectly smothered in cinnamon with just the perfect amount of crunch.

The pure deliciousness of southern-style cooking and an in-house bakery in an average-looking atmosphere is why Taylor's earns four stars out of five.

Type: Barbecue,
Southern
Price: \$6-10
Stars: 4/5
Gull Card: No

EPA grants funds to save planet to two SU students

BY LINDSAY SIEBERT
Staff Writer

The burden of paying for school will no longer be a problem for two Salisbury University students after they were announced as recipients of the Environmental Protection Agency's Fellowship on Sept. 10.

Juniors Amanda Stone and Keyyana Blount are two out of 40 national winners of the prestigious fellowship that covers tuition and living expenses for the students' junior and senior years and provides a paid summer internship with the EPA.

Stone, an environmental studies and conflict analysis and dispute resolution double major from Lexington Park, Md., said being a resident assistant in SU's Green Floor Living Learning Community and volunteering at an organic farm helped her chances at the fellowship that required a tedious application process that started last December.

She said she hopes to work on the social aspects of environmental issues with the EPA, adding that being a scientist is not necessary to work in the field.

"I'm not a science person, but if I could work with the people who are affected by the dirty water, or dirtying the water that would be best," Stone said. "I want to be a mediator between the people and the environment."

Stone said she hopes to work with the EPA after studying environmental conflict resolution in graduate school.

Blount, an environmental stud-

ies major from La Plata, Md., said she is appreciative of the stress relief the fellowship will give to her and her family.

"It feels like a huge weight is lifted off my shoulders," Blount said. "The fact that it helps my parents out with finances and solves the problem of figuring out how to pay for college is most important to me. It's such a blessing."

The anxiety of having a part-time job will no longer be an issue for Blount.

"Now that my classes are getting more difficult, this allows me to completely focus on my studies. I don't have to worry about balancing school work with work hours," she said.

Blount is looking forward to the all-expenses-paid summer internship that she hopes will give her an edge over other EPA environmental policy and water regulations career applicants.

"The opportunity for the internship working with the EPA officials and going to a different part of the country and everything is paid for, that is just a huge deal and I'm really excited," she said.

Both Blount and Stone said they see this EPA fellowship as a prestigious opportunity to gain experience with one of the most influential organizations in the environmental field.

"In the future this is going to be an amazing resume builder, help me get through college and will open more doors for me than I probably realize," Stone said.



Lindsay Siebert photo
ENVR/CADR major Amanda Stone



Lindsay Siebert photo
ENVR major Keyyana Blount

Netflix Picks: "Alien" meets "It!"

BY ASHA AZARIAH-KRIBBS
Staff Writer

The recent death of Neil Armstrong calls to mind man's enduring fascination with outer space.

Despite scientific study, there is still so much to learn about the galaxy, let alone the entire universe.

Sometimes, the vast, limitless unknown is the root of adventure, extraordinary sights and daring exploration. Perhaps just as frequently, it sets the scene for otherworldly horror.

This is the case in the famous 1979 film "Alien" directed by Ridley Scott. However, if "Alien" successfully conveys the terror of an isolated space crew grappling with an alien predator, half the credit must go to its 1958 predecessor, "It! The Terror From Beyond Space."

The premise of "Alien" is simple. Discovering the source of a mysterious transmission, the crew of Nostromo discovers a space-crawling creature and its alien crew. Evidence indicates these space travelers did not die a natu-

ral death. In returning to their ship, the Nostromo crew unknowingly brings aboard the same parasitic alien that was the undoing of the derelict vessel.

"Alien" thrives on atmosphere. Concept artist H. R. Giger creates a world that is both fascinating and somehow off-putting. The design of the Nostromo is unlike that of any other spacecraft. Brute angles and towering inclines are more reminiscent of a gothic castle than a transport vessel, upgraded with a modern touch of metal and tubing. The predatory alien itself is a puppet master's study in gruesome detail. Multi-limbed and possessing a voracious appetite, there is nothing human or beautiful in its depiction.

"It! The Terror From Beyond Space" has a nearly identical plot. A colony on Mars perishes with only one survivor. Colonel Edward Curuthers (Marshall Thompson) is charged with being a murderer, but during the return voyage it soon becomes apparent, as crew members disappear one by one, that there is a stowaway aboard their

spaceship, and "It" is not a friendly passenger.

Dark, cramped sets, a strong emphasis on the isolation of the Earth-bound spacecraft and the inevitable approach of the alien threat all form an electric combination of chills and suspense. In some ways, "It!" is a more terrifying film than "Alien." Paul Sawtell and Bert Shefter's muted sound-track underlines a tense and eerie mood. While the '50s special effects lack the polish of its successor, nonetheless there is a personality to the eponymous stalker in "It!" that Scott's creature lacks.

Comparing these films is not a question of which is better. Both are classics in their genre. "Alien" is a visual treat that is both shocking and compelling; its extraterrestrial villain is surely one of the best examples of how CGI in no way upstages a clever use of puppetry. "It!" is a tense jolt into the world of black-and-white horror, and a sharp reminder that yes, the oldies did in fact "have it in them."

Uno, dos, tres, cuatro: SU students learn Salsa

BY EMILY MEGAN COX
Staff Writer

Students of varying dance backgrounds gathered last Wednesday evening in the Wicomico Room for the Organization of Latin American Students' Salsa Night.

Couples, pairs of girl friends and brave singles all came out to try their hand at learning the Latin dance.

Instructors Diego Guzman of Dancing on the Shore and Salisbury University student Amy Haines started out teaching the basic steps and counts of the salsa. After some practice they amped up the level of difficulty adding a turn and later even teaching participants to dip. They

also demonstrated their advanced technique as experienced dancers and long time partners.

"I really enjoyed it," said freshman Erika Mack. "(I) met new people and tried something new."

Freshman Walker Hiles said he was impressed with the quality of the event.

"I really enjoyed the level of expertise shown by the instructors," he said.

Senior and OLAS President Cindy Portillo said it was their third semester hosting the event, and said she was impressed with the turnout.

"It's very nice to see that

you don't have to be Hispanic or Latino to come out to Salsa night," Portillo said. "We want to bring people out to enjoy our cultures and customs."

This month is Hispanic Heritage Month and OLAS plans to host a "Latino Jeopardy" event this Wednesday.

Sophomore OLAS member Rafael Senteno said the club's events are meant to bring people together as well as inform others about Latino culture.

"I'm just glad people can understand the culture of us as Latinos, learn and have fun," he said.

Beyond Plato's Plate: Sea Gulls talk vegetarianism

BY ASHA AZARIAH-KRIBBS
Staff Writer

Salisbury University Dietician Kate Cerulli said 7 percent of SU students identify themselves as vegetarian or vegan, more than twice the national average reported by the Vegetarian Times in 2008.

Because there are over 8,000 students enrolled for this year, this percentage represents more than 500 individuals.

On Monday, veggie-lovers will be recognized through World Vegetarian Day, which was established by the North American Vegetarian Society in 1977. To celebrate, The Commons will be serving Vegan Miso Soup, Vegetarian Potato-Corn Salad and Vegan Grilled Polenta with Spinach-Mushroom Topping at "Plato's Plate," a kiosk that specifically caters to the vegetarian diet.

However, there are many levels of vegetarianism that range from a strict vegan diet to a reduced meat intake.

"Meatless Monday" is a method of compromise made popular by the Johns Hopkins School of Health. While vegans avoid any animal-based product, from honey to fish, and vegetarians avoid obvious meats, such as chicken, steak, etc., individuals who adopt "Meatless Monday" usually eat vegetarian foods five or six days of the week, and then indulge in a little red meat. These "Meatless Monday" participants make up at

least twenty-two million Americans.

Cerulli said she recommends this plan as a good method of "having the benefits of vegan diet without being vegan." Practitioners tend to stay more faithful to vegetarianism on a limited basis than those who give up meat altogether, Cerulli said.

Even for items outside the Plato's Plate, there are symbols beside each item on every kiosk's listing of available foods to provide information on their level of vegetarianism. For example, vegans would eat only the dishes with a triangle symbol next to them, because these "contain no meat, poultry, fish, eggs, milk, cheeses, honey or gelatin," while vegetarians will eat products such as milk, honey and cheese.

Cerulli said going vegetarian has many health benefits, noting that a plant-based diet "limits cancer risk, reduces heart disease, fights diabetes and helps with obesity." Also, there are environmental benefits to vegetarianism because it conserves water.

Salisbury University student Lauren Gray became a vegetarian for moral reasons and soon appreciated the physical benefits.

Since her sophomore year in high school, Gray stopped eating meat because of the treatment of animals on farms. The moral practices behind farming as well as the sight of chickens on overcrowded poultry trucks set her against funding

meat production.

She said being a vegetarian can help decrease water waste. "Forgoing" one steak a week wastes less water than if you deliberately limit your water usage each day and still eat meat," Gray said.

Gray and Cerulli both note that vegetarianism is less expensive than meat. And since becoming a vegetarian, Gray said she is more active than before.

"Meat makes me less energetic," she said. Cerulli said she is always open to new food ideas from students and encourages them to speak with her about concerns and food preferences.

Senior Jessica Johnson said she believes vegetarian accommodations have improved at The Commons since her freshman year, although she would like to continue to see more in the future.

She noted that as a vegan, she was unable to choose the vegetarian options and often had to opt for the salad bar, which had little variety; she also said the staff uses the same utensils for meat and vegetarian food, leading to cross-contamination.

"I think they are slowly integrating variety and quality that I would have really liked to see before leaving school," Johnson said.



BY COREY NETHEN
Staff Writer

Wiping the salty residue from the lenses of my sunglasses, I stick my feet a little further in the sand and take another jaw-dropping look at the Mediterranean Sea in front of me. It's easy to forget that we're nearing the end of September when the weather has been nothing but clear skies, sunshine and the occasional raindrop (considering the average precipitation for this month, conducted by the World Meteorological Organization, is a measly two inches).

As Málaga is a city that lies on the Costa del Sol on the Mediterranean, its beaches are an extremely popular attraction for tourists, as well as a daily stop for natives during their free time. Considering that this trip is my first time leaving the country, I enjoy observing how different beach life is here in Spain.

I was relieved to know that no longer will my relaxation be interrupted by the dreadful keychain jangling and hopeless sales techniques of a Scopes' employee, but instead by a rapid-fire exclamation from someone who knows exactly what I want: "Agua, vino, cerveza, Fanta. Agua, vino, cerveza, Fanta." To break it down, throughout the day, you'll see multiple men with

huge, sweating coolers in the hands, offering ice-cold water, beer, wine and soda. Normally everything is sold for one euro (more or less \$1.29), an unbeatable price when the heat starts to take a toll.

It's also extremely common for women to go topless at the beaches. This is simply a part of their culture that normally begins during childhood. But believe me; at times you really wish you could turn back time and look at the mountain landscape instead.

The two most popular games you'll see played on the beach are soccer and paddleball, but that never stops my roommate from going against the grain and bringing her Frisbee with her. It's really interesting to see some of the native's reactions while we play and sometimes they're curious enough to approach us and ask to join.

After I've worked up an appetite, the smell of fresh calamari and authentic paella draws me over to a chiringuito (small restaurants located right on the beach). They grill their fish outside over hot logs, which give it a distinct smoky flavor. Just remember, bread and water are not free, and tipping is more-or-less optional.

Submitted photo
Corey Nethen in front of El Alcazaba in Spain.

GET INVOLVED!

On September 26, at the Pemberton Historical Park the Salisbury community will be walking in support of the fight against Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Check in for the walk starts at noon, the walk starts at 1 p.m.

Registration online is free, participants are also encouraged to donate to the cause.

For more information on the event and to register visit
http://webdc.alsa.org/site/TR/Walks/DCMDVA?pg=entry&fr_id=8355

EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, 9/25

*Yom Kippur Feast
4:30-7:30 p.m.
The Bistro

*Trivia Night
7-10 p.m.
Gull's Nest

Wednesday, 9/26

*Job/Internship Fair
12-4 p.m.
GUC

Thursday, 9/27

*Lecture: American Women Poets
1:30-3 p.m.
TETC 226A

Saturday, 9/29

*Solo Recital With Roberto Diaz
HH Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

Sunday, 9/30

*Catholic Mass
Scarborough
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Monday, 10/1

*Dance: Samba
5 p.m.
HH lawn

SPORTS

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Men's rugby tackles home opener

BY ASHLEY MARTIN
Staff Writer

Salisbury University's rugby team picked up a win against University of Maryland Baltimore County in their first home game of the season on Sat., Sept. 22.

After a long week of preparation, SU won the second straight game of the season against UMBC, 45-10. The team put forth a strong effort and showed fans what to expect for the rest of the season.

Practices for the rugby team are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m., which include drilling, contact, and conditioning. "We format each practice as if it is an actual game," Coach Robert Davis said.

Besides Tuesday and Thursday practices, the team also goes running and weight training Monday through Thursday.

"Our goal is to be in the best possible shape by [game days]," Captain Nick Kuhl said. "We try to work harder than any other team."

At the start of Saturday's game, the team warmed up with passing drills, and then huddled into a prayer before the whistle blew to begin the game.

"As a team, we try to keep a family environment," Kuhl said. "Friday nights before game day, we even have a team pasta dinner."

Although Rugby is classified as a club sport, the intensity of the game matches sports such as football and soccer. That intensity was shown on the field as SU players used their defensive skills to prevent UMBC from scoring as much. As players ran across the field to recover the ball from UMBC, a loud shout came from the SU sidelines.

"Rip his head off," a voice screamed, encouraging teammates to play hard.

Just as that was yelled, both teams engaged in a maul on the field. A maul is when players from each team engage in full on physical contact to move the ball forward. This is one of the many ways the teams showed their aggression.

Justin Odendhal photo



A Salisbury back pushes away a defender as he carries the ball downfield.

giveness.

With scrums, mauls, and tackles all throughout the game, the only equipment the rugby players carried on them was a mouth guard.

"All we need is a mouth guard, and we feel safe," Kuhl said.

"But really, in hindsight, the potential injury factor is always in the back of our minds during a game," Senior Leland Thomas said. "Even though we're conscious of it, the rules of rugby generally keep us safe."

The first home game brought a lot of energy to the team.

"We knew we were up against a great defensive and offensive team," team member John Capobianco said. "It was good to hear our sidelines and the crowd cheering for us."

Two of SU's tries were scored by Thomas. "We really wanted to make this game a

statement game," Thomas said. "We wanted everyone to know what kind of team we are."

President of the club Nick Capobianco said after the game that the team was off to a good start.

"It was great to come out on our home field and get a big win against a conference rival," Nick Capobianco said.

The team is number two in the nation, and accredits their success to their hard work, and to the examples the teams before left for them.

"Each year, we try to live up to the team before us," Kuhl said. "SU's history in rugby has set the bar high for us as a team."

Coach Robert Davis, who has coached SU rugby since 1983, accredits their high ranking to the team's hard work as both students and athletes.

"Salisbury has done well because of their ethics of hard work," Davis said. "And the combination of them being good athletes and disciplined students."

The team plans to use their two recent wins as motivation to continue to play their best for the rest of the season.

"We have a long road to the national championship," Capobianco said.

Davis said the result of Saturday's game was due to the team practicing hard each week.

"I'm proud of the win but we're not where we should be three weeks from now," Coach Davis said.

Their next game will be away at Johns Hopkins on Sat., Sept. 29.

Depth carries Sea Gulls to Victory against Eagles

BY JUSTIN ODENDHAL
Photo Editor

Taking full advantage of their depth on the bench, the No. 25 Salisbury University men's soccer team took down Colonial Athletic Conference rival University of Maryland Washington 2-0 on Saturday at the Salisbury University Soccer Complex. The win marks the start of a weeklong rest for the Sea Gulls (7-1-1, 2-0-1 CAC) and the third loss in a row for the Eagles (4-4, 0-1 CAC).

Coming into the game, Coach DiBartolo said he had an idea of what the Eagles would do, and within twenty minutes enough adjustments were made for the team to be in position to attack.

"Some of the things they were doing weren't as dangerous any longer," said DiBartolo.

Not long after the adjustments were made, junior defenseman Chase Humphrey took a free kick from outside of the restraining box, putting junior midfielder Jake Perry in a one on one situation, who put the ball in the back of the net during the 34th minute.

"We're finally starting to click as a team," said sophomore forward Matt Greene, "we had a great goal in the first half by Jake Perry."

A scare for the Gulls also happened early in first half, as All-CAC junior defenseman Larry Cornish went down with an injury after battling for a fifty-fifty ball. Fortunately for SU, transfer sophomore Logan Becker was able to step in on defense to replace the ailing Cornish. "He came in and played very composed," said senior captain Pat Callahan, "he did what he had to do."

The Gulls would attribute their success this season to the depth and goal to be equals on the field, including the eight substitutes that logged minutes in addition to the starters. "No one's really selfish," Callahan said, "if somebody's open they're going to find them. No one is really 'I want more goals than you.'"

In the second half of action Greene put his final statement on the game, placing a touch shot off of a Callahan cross in the 75th minute for his team leading fourth of the year.

"We've had a lot of corners this year and we've really struggled to put the ball in the back of the net," Callahan said, "you would think we would have at least one a game, but we finally did it."

The game didn't go without its bumps, as no CAC ri-



Justin Odendhal photo

Senior defender Nate Woods waits for a chance to spring on a fifty fifty ball in the first half of action on Saturday.

valy ever does, with a total of 26 penalties and three yellow cards given out between the teams.

"We lost to them last year 2-1, ranked top 15 and they came to upset us," Greene said, "we had to just put them away early and just finish them off at the end of the game."

Despite a weeklong rest, knowing the York College Spartans, arguably the Gulls biggest rival over the past few seasons, are just days away, Salisbury defeated the Spartans in overtime last year during regular season play, but fell in the CAC championship 1-0, once again in overtime.

"We have a good week of training, a nice little day off during the week," DiBartolo said of the break in play, keeping the upcoming "battle" in the front of his mind.

The Sea Gulls travel to York College on Saturday to take on the Spartans for possession of first place in the Capital Athletic Conference, the game is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Athlete Spotlight

Jenna Shay



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Jenna Shay has worked her way up to the top over time in Salisbury University's women's volleyball. Four years ago the Dunkirk, Md. native arrived as a freshman, but she is now a seasoned veteran in her senior year at SU. Jenna took some time during her busy schedule to answer a few questions for The Flyer.

Now that you're a senior on the team, how have you developed over the years at Salisbury?

I definitely think my blocking has gotten better, and I can time the ball a lot better. I can swing-block now, which is different because it means I am able to jump higher. I would say my defense has gotten better also.

How do you contribute to the team as a senior athlete?

I'm experienced now that I'm a senior and have been playing since I was a freshman, so I'm used to the crowds now at Salisbury. In high school there weren't many people that would come to volleyball games, but we have a great crowd at Salisbury so sometimes that can get overwhelming for new players who aren't used to it.

What's the most important lesson you've learned during your athletic career here at SU?

The most important lesson I've learned would be learning how to play with the team and working well with other players.

Who has helped you get to where you are today in volleyball?

Coach Knight has been so amazing; she's such a great coach. She worries about us not just in volleyball but in class as well, and outside of school as a whole in regular life. She's an awesome coach, and she's definitely helped me develop in volleyball the last couple of years.

What will you miss the most about Salisbury University Women's Volleyball?

I will miss the girls that I've been playing with for the past few years, and even the freshmen that have come in. We've all developed really great friendships, and I'm definitely going to miss that. I'm definitely going to miss Coach Knight as well. I'm probably never going to play volleyball again, and that means this is my last year of it.

Salisbury takes down conference foe Mary Washington

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The Salisbury University women's soccer team defeated Mary Washington in their first conference game of the season on Saturday.

Coming into the game Mary Washington was undefeated, but with a flurry of attacks, Salisbury put one in the back of the net on a free kick taken by senior midfielder Erin Mooney. The Sea Gulls are now 1-0 in the Capital Athletic Conference.

Both Salisbury and Mary Washington played a hard-fought game with strong tackling and many attacks on the goal. It was a physical game and the referees were forced

to blow their whistle and called 26 fouls between the two teams. The strong Salisbury defense was led by sophomore goalkeeper Michelle Conrad who had an outstanding performance in the goal with five crucial saves during the game.

One of the saves came early in the first half when a Mary Washington player sent a seemingly inevitable goal towards the net, until Conrad punched it over the upright.

"Anytime there is a shot like that I take a quick drop step and try to get as much of the ball as possible".

On the defensive side senior Bonnie Sandone, sophomores Jackie Holtzman, Jamie Hovendon, and freshmen Tabitha Brown

and Heather Deamond did their job by not allowing Mary Washington to score one goal the entire game. They put up a wall of defense frustrating the Mary Washington attackers, and preventing them from getting clear shots on goal.

While Mary Washington controlled most of the possession in the first half, the Sea Gulls came out strong in the second half with a new determination. They began to dominate the ball and set up various attacks on goal.

"We brought the forwards up the field", said Coach Jim Nestor.

This new offensive minded formation rejuvenated the Sea Gulls.

SU took the lead in the 70th minute when Mooney took a free kick outside the 18-yard box and placed it accurately in the upper right corner of the goal.

"We've been practicing free kicks and I was taking some before the game," Mooney said. "My focus was to put the shot on frame in case of a rebound."

Luckily for the Sea Gulls, the shot didn't need a rebound.

This was a big conference win for the Salisbury Sea Gulls. They will be preparing to host Stevenson University on Wednesday at 4 p.m. Hopefully with this win, Salisbury will continue to thrive in their conference.



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Senior defenseman Bonnie Sandone takes the ball through several University of Mary Washington players during the first half of action on Saturday.

Field hockey defeats Catholic in penalty shootout, 4-3

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The No. 2 ranked Salisbury University women's field hockey team knew their game against the No. 7 ranked Cardinals of the Catholic University of America would be a tough test, but little did the Gulls know that they would be in for a double overtime thriller that would need a shootout to determine the winner.

The Gulls came away with a 4-3 victory, but they had to fight to earn every ounce of this win.

"It's always a battle ground out there when we play a team like Catholic," Head Coach Dawn Chamberlain said.

The night didn't begin so well for SU, as they surrendered the first goal three and a half minutes into the contest. After senior forward Melissa Slocum tied the game for SU, the Cardinals would regain the lead less than three minutes later and add another goal shortly after to take a 3-1 lead. The scoreboard was very indicative of how the momentum in the game was flowing as SU was outplayed for most of the first half. Coach Chamberlain noticed this and decided to call a timeout shortly after Catholic scored their third goal.

"I told them to calm down during then because we weren't playing our game at the time," Chamberlain said.

The timeout appeared to work because SU began to play much better after that point. They were spending more time in the Cardinals' end and creating many more

scoring chances than they were earlier in the contest. While none resulted in goals, they were doing the right thing by controlling possession and getting shots on net.

"We didn't come out as strong as we would have liked to in the beginning, but we stepped it up after that and played with much more intensity," said senior midfielder Kristina Fusco.

Salisbury's strong play would carry over to the second half as they dominated the shot battle and controlled the pace of play for the majority of the time. This hard work would pay off for the Gulls with sophomore midfielder Summer Washburn scoring off a rebound early in the period to bring SU within one. Fusco would then tie the game at the 42 minute mark with her seventh goal of the season.

The Gulls had plenty of time to take the lead and were getting opportunities, but most of their shots either went wide or the Cardinals defense had an answer for their attack. They had a 12-4 advantage in the second half and forced Catholic's goalkeeper, Megan Comunale, to make six saves in that frame alone.

"It was frustrating to see us not convert on those chances, but at the same time it was really exciting to see us create so many opportunities," Chamberlain said. "This is a young team and eventually those chances are going to turn to goals as they get more experienced."

While the Gulls controlled most of the second half, they allowed Catholic to generate some offense towards the end of the game which

led to the Cardinals receiving two penalty corners as time expired. Fortunately for the Gulls, their defense was able to fend off both threats and they sent the game into overtime.

Despite a strong offensive effort from the Gulls, they were unable to get the golden goal and the game needed a second overtime period to decide the winner. The second overtime period was more of the same for SU as they continued to dominate in shots with a 9-0 advantage but had no goals to show for it. They also received a penalty corner opportunity as time expired, but Catholic managed to escape with no harm done, which meant that the game had to be decided in a penalty shootout.

Salisbury's sophomore goalkeeper Rachel Clewer came up huge in the shootout by stopping all four Catholic shooters while SU received goals from sophomore midfielder Summer Washburn and junior midfielder Emily Voshell to secure the win.

"I knew I had to do everything I could to make those saves to help us get the win," Clewer said.

This win was Salisbury's first victory in a penalty shootout this season and keeps the team's undefeated record intact before they embark on a long road trip. SU will travel to St. Mary's, Johns Hopkins, York and Rowan for their next four games before returning home on Oct. 13 to take on the University of Mary Washington at 6 p.m. at Sea Gull Stadium.

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